

Appl. No. 09/989,620  
Response dated June 11, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of March 26, 2003

The undersigned called MBL International Corporation and spoke to Dr. Susan Oberly on June 17, 2003. Dr. Oberly of MBL International Corporation said that clone CH-11 has been available for sale to the public since July 1, 1992.

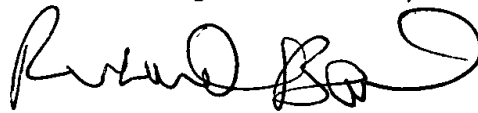
In further reply to the rejection of claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-13, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28, 29, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41 and 43, as set forth in Paragraph No. 14 of pages 15 and 16 of the March 26, 2003 Office Action, submitted concomitantly herewith is a DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT dated June 17, 2003 for HFE7A (FERM BP-5828).

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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Enc.: DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT  
dated June 17, 2003